

NO MORE HOPE. IS HE THE MAN?

Suspicion Points to the Murdered Boot-black's Son-in-Law. They Had Quarrelled On the Morning of the Murder.

Witnesses Will Try to Identify Him To-Day.

The Newark police now believe that they have the murderer of Francisco Avidio in custody.

They have arrested Vito Antonio Russo, the son-in-law of the murdered man, and finally believe that subsequent identification will prove that he was the man who was last seen with Avidio.

Russo was known to be the only enemy the old man had, and facts developed yesterday tend to show that he and Avidio quarrelled subsequent to the time when Russo was caught in a compromising situation with Avidio's wife.

Russo was in Newark Saturday afternoon. He met Avidio at the latter's boarding-house, 115 South Canal street, and they quarrelled.

The boarding-house keeper stepped between them just in time to prevent Russo from plunging a stiletto into the old man's breast.

Russo is a short, well built young man, about twenty-two years old.

This does not answer the various descriptions given of the man who was last seen with Avidio.

The bridge-tender, Osborne, and Mrs. Tripp describe the man they saw with Avidio as a large man, Arnold Wagner, the watchman at Balbach's, says the man he pulled out of the river was young, well dressed and his left eye was missing.

None of these descriptions correspond with Russo's appearance, but still he may be identified.

Several people have turned up who heard their shot fired at midnight Saturday night. A half-sunken boat, which had been stolen from Hookin's boat-house, was discovered by a detective yesterday.

There were several traces of the blood in the boat, and a microscopic examination will be made.

Russo denies knowing anything about the murder. He says he worked at his boot-black until he was discharged last night, and that he intended to return to his wife.

The witnesses will take a look at Russo to-day, and identify him if possible.

LYNCHING FEARED. RIGHTEOUS WRATH AT THE CRUEL BUTCHERY OF ANNIE LEONEY.

Camden County Shocked and Outraged by the Crime.

Not Sure Yet that the Colored Prisoner Was the Girl's Murderer.

MERCHANTVILLE, N. J., Sept. 10. The excitement in this village is intense over the savage murder of Annie Leoney, the pretty housekeeper for her cousin, Chalkley Leoney, at the Leoney Mill, news of which THE EVENING WORLD printed yesterday.

Annie's long residence at the mill, where she had lived with her uncle, Henry Leoney, for seven years as housekeeper, and where she remained there after his death last Spring, fill the same position for her cousin, Chalkley, had made her well known to the community here.

The terrible character of her taking off has aroused the village to a frenzy. Slaughtered by a ruffian's hands after he had assaulted her and provoked his poor victim to the fiercest struggle in defense of her honor, the blood of the innocent girl so cruelly sacrificed has stirred the wrath of every man and woman in the town.

The negro, Frank Lingo, who was arrested on suspicion, is thought by some of the detectives not to be the guilty man, and further investigation is awaited with the keenest interest. There are loud threats of lynching, and the jail is talked of as being easily forced.

The entire neighborhood was searched for traces of the murderer, but no indication of the guilty man was found except the bloody trail which led from the house along the board walk down to the creek.

The blood would seem to argue that the person who did the killing was wounded himself in some way. Such a belief is in keeping with the theory that the knife found by the police in a bush near the mill, seven inches long, may have been used by the girl herself in a desperate defense of her threatened honor.

On the other hand, it is possible that the man who committed the crime in Leoney's mill was enough to alarm any town to excitement. The attack on the girl's honor, her frantic resistance, which her cousin and her aunt and uncles, who were present, did not deter, followed by the cruel cutting of her throat, and then the cold-blooded rummaging about upstairs for the money, where the wretch flung open the window with his blood-stained fingers to let in the morning light, that he might see better, are things which send a thrill of horror and repulsive indignation through the whole community.

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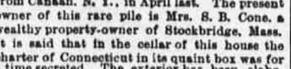
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The close of Gov. Thayer's speech at the Town Hall, Martin J. Kelly, on behalf of the Egan Association, presented him with an elegant gold-headed Irish blackthorn stick, which was accepted in a neat speech.

ANOTHER FLACK HALT. WITNESSES IN PLENTY FOR THE GRAND JURY, BUT NONE HEARD TO-DAY.

Civil Justice Monell Dangerously Ill at His Home.

The District-Attorney Promises Work in Earnest To-Morrow.

There was another halt in the Flack investigation before the Grand Jury to-day.

Statuesque Officer Brown, who stands like Horatius at the bridge, guarding the double doors to the Grand Jury-room from the approach of people with double back-action ears, was notified early that his services would be dispensed with until to-morrow.

Assistant District-Attorney Goff said to an Evening World reporter:

"The Tomb is full to overflowing with prisoners who are clamoring for trial. If we go on with the Flack case continuously the courts will be blocked with nothing to do."

"So to-day we will investigate other cases and resume the Flack matter to-morrow."

"I am not at liberty to say how long we have found out, but I will say that to-morrow we shall examine more witnesses than on any previous day."

Civil Justice Monell will not be one of them. The Judge is very sick, indeed. Yesterday there was a consultation among his physicians, and to-day Dr. John W. Draper and Dr. Frank Hartley held another consultation with Judge Monell's house in Sixty-first street.

Judge Monell's illness is from pleurisy, and he is in a precarious condition. He says he is more than anxious to appear before the Grand Jury, and if he is too ill to go to court to-morrow he will send his affidavit as to what he knows of the case.

On the other hand, who testified yesterday before the Grand Jury about the testimony which she says she never gave before Referee Meeks in the Flack divorce proceedings, testified twice while in the Grand Jury room and nearly had a fit of hysterics besides. That is why she was an hour and a half in giving her testimony.

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